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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: VORSTER-TOLBERT MEETING

REF: CAPE TOWN 0189; LONDON 02440, 02570

1. LIBERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CECIL DENNIS ENDED FEB 21-23

LUSAK VISIT, DURING WHICH HE REPORTEDLY MET

PRESIDENT KAUNDA, WITH AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE

DEVOTED TO VORSTER-TOLBERT MEETING.

ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, DENNIS SAID VORSTER

VISIT TO LIBERIA WAS ARRANGED AFTER CONSULTATIONS

WITH CHIEF BUTHELEZI OF KWAZULU AND SWAPO

PRESIDENT NUJOMA. REFERRING TO SPECULATION

THAT PURPOSE OF VORSTER VISIT WAS ECONOMIC

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TALKS, DENNIS IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID LIBERIA

WOULD NOT CONSIDER ECONOMIC TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA AS LONG AS APARTHEID POLICIES OF OPPRESSION, REPRESSION, AND SUPPRESSION CONTINUED AND NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE REMAINED UNDER WHITE MINORITY RULE. VISIT HAD AFFORDED TOLBERT OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT AFRICAN CASE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA TO VORSTER, BUT LIBERIA, RECOGNIZING THE INTRICACIES OF THE PROBLEM, WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO PLAY A SINGLE-HANDED ROLE. DENNIS SAID HE HAD BRIEFED KAUNDA ON THE NATURE OF THE TALKS.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, DENNIS WENT ON TO MOGADISCIO "WHERE HE IS EXPECTED TO BRIEF OAU CHAIRMAN SIAD BARRE."
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